

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 09/521,524, filed on March 8, 2000, entitled RAPID GENERATION OF RECOMBINANT ADENOVIRAL **VECTORS**.

The above-identified prior application in which no abandonment of, or termination of, proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this request for a CPA. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. (37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used for continuation-in-part applications or for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

- Enter the amendment previously filed on _ under 37 CFR 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.
- A Preliminary Amendment (7 pages), plus Clean Version of Pending Claims (2 pages) is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4). 3.
 - **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application: a.
 - The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
- A new power of attorney is enclosed.
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- a. __ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. X A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. __ Is no longer claimed.
- 7. A check in the amount of \$_\$0.00 is attached to pay the filing fee.
- 8. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
- 9. X A petition for extension of time in the prior application is enclosed along with a check in the amount of \$200.00 to pay the extension fee.
- 10. Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (1 pg).
- 11. X Other: Copies of 4 cases: Atlas Powder Company (224 USPQ 409); In re Garnero (162 USPQ 221); In re Janakirama-Rao (137 USPQ 89); and PPG Industries (48 USPQ2d).

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the final Office Action Advisory Action mailed July 5, 2001 and the Advisory Action mailed October 2, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect the amendment of claim 16. The specific amendment to claim 16 is detailed in the following marked up claim.

- 16. [Amended] A cloning system for generating recombinant adenovirus [comprising] consisting essentially of:
 - an Ad backbone plasmid consisting essentially of an Ad genome lacking map units 0 to 9.2, wherein the numbering of the map units starts with the lefthand ITR, and
 - a shuttle plasmid consisting essentially of Ad sequences from 0 to 1 and 9.2 to (b) 16.1 map units of an Ad genome.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Advisory Action mailed on October 2, 2001.